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Jeffrey Deskovic v. City of Peeksill, et al. Re: 07 Civ. 8150 (KMK)(GAY) Linda McGart, et al. v. City of Peekskill, et al. 07 Civ. 9488(KMK)(GAY)

Request for a pre-motion conference

## Dear Judge Karas:

This office is of counsel to Westchester County Attorney Charlene Indelicato and represents defendants Westchester County, Louis Roh, Millard Hyland and George Bolen in the above-captioned matters. Pursuant to your individual rules of practice, we are requesting that a pre-motion conference be scheduled with regard to defendant George Bolen's intended application to move to dismiss plaintiffs' amended complaints pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b)(6) on the ground of absolute prosecutorial immunity.

On June 2, 2008, the parties appeared before the court for a conference. At the conference, the court granted the request of plaintiff Deskovic's counsel to serve an

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amended complaint which added defendant Bolen as a party defendant. That amended complaint was subsequently served and answers were interposed by all defendants with the exception of defendant Bolen whose answer is due on or before August 8, 2008. Subsequent to the June 2, 2008 conference, plaintiff McGarr's counsel circulated a proposed amended complaint which also named defendant Bolen as a party defendant. All parties consented to the amendment of this complaint and the amended complaint was served earlier this month. Answers to the amended complaint have served by the Westchester County defendants, with the exception of defendant Bolen whose answer is to be served on or before September 7, 2008. It is defendant Bolen's position that the actions asserted against him in plaintiffs' complaints are protected by absolute prosecutorial immunity and that as a result, the claims against defendant Bolen should be dismissed. In the <u>Deskvoic</u> action, there is only one cause of action asserted against defendant Bolen for malicious prosecution and unlawful prolonged detention. In the <u>McGarr</u> matter, there is only one claim against all defendants, a constitutional claim based upon loss of familial association.

It is defendant Bolen's position that case law both within and outside of this circuit supports the defendant's contention that absolute prosecutorial immunity applies to those acts undertaken by a prosecutor in preparation for trial even where those acts may be denominated as "investigative". Here, defendant Bolen's involvement in the <u>Deskovic</u> prosecution began after Mr. Deskovic's indictment by a Westchester County Grand Jury. While plaintiffs allege that Mr. Bolen directed or "personally conducted" an investigation after DNA results were received, it is defendant Bolen's position that his actions were specifically designed as part of witness preparation, trial preparation and analysis of evidence.

Defendant Bolen seeks permission for leave to move to dismiss the <u>Deskovic</u> and <u>McGarr</u> amended complaints on the ground of absolute prosecutorial immunity. Defendant Bolen is prepared to serve his motion by August 8, 2008, which is the date by which defendant Bolen is required to answer or move in connection with the <u>Deskovic</u> amended complaint.

Although this court orally granted plaintiff Deskovic's application for leave to serve an amended complaint, that determination should not be viewed as a waiver of defendant Bolen's right to move to dismiss the amended complaint. Similarly, the agreement by Westchester County to consent to the amendment of the complaint in the McGarr matter is not a waiver of defendant Bolen's right to move for dismissal.

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Defendant Bolen believes that a significant legal issue exists as to whether prosecutorial immunity applies to the allegations in plaintiffs' amended complaints. Assuming the allegations in the amended complaints to be true as is required in considering a motion to dismiss, it is Bolen's position that his actions are absolutely protected. It is for this reason that defendant Bolen asks this court for permission to move to dismiss the amended complaints in the Deskovic and McGarr matters.

Counsel for defendant Bolen is available to participate in a pre-motion conference at a time set by the court.

Finally, we wish to point out that the intended motion to dismiss is not governed by this court's June 2, 2008 scheduling orders as there is no motion deadline date set forth in those orders.

We thank the court for its attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

XMAN TULIS KIRKPATRICK

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